

WØMTL—**Hannibal Amateur Radio Club News**—WØKEM



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NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: 2024

March 13, 2024

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!

We are now meeting at the Marion County Ambulance District Administrative Offices at 142 Jaycee Drive. To get to the facility, go South on McMasters Ave (RT61) to the intersection of Clinic Rd (immediate right past Wendy's). Turn Right onto Clinic Rd and the first right is Communication Drive. Turn onto Communication Drive and continue straight on Communication which then turns into Jaycee Dr. The Admin center is on the right at the top of the hill.

MONDAY NIGHT WEEKLY NET CALL LIST – 2024

JODY - KEØOAA

Information about our Monday night nets can be found on the club website, www.w0kem.com and click on FM Repeaters.

SCHEDULED FCC VE TEST DATES FOR YEAR OF 2024

DATES FOR 2024:

April 10, 2024

July 10, 2024

October 9, 2024

Registration is requested at least 72 hours before the exam session by contacting the team liaison, Dave Scranton, W9WE, 210-325-7923, or w9we.lee@gmail.com. If enough VE's are present at the meeting night, any walk ins will be able to test that evening.

The 2024 test fee will be unchanged at \$15.00. It goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license; and if you are claiming credit for successful completion of an exam, bring the original and photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.

Exams will take place at 8:00 PM after the regularly scheduled HARC meeting.

WALK INS ARE WELCOME.

HARC CLUB DUES:

HARC annual dues are due each January. The dues are very important and are needed to keep repeaters up and running, plus other expenses of the club. The yearly dues fee is \$20.00 per member, & \$5.00 for each additional family member. You can pay at club meetings, or send the money to HARC, P.O. Box 1522 Hannibal Mo, 63401. Thanks!!



Hannibal Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting Minutes

Opening

The January meeting of the Hannibal Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 7:00 PM by club president Joe W6JFL. Members present were as follows; Joe W6JFL, Kenny KE0KCQ, Dave W9WE, Mary W9WEB, Al N9MAF, Martin KD0TMJ, Randy KE0RJP, Kevin AD7OI, Dave KB0RZN, Joe, KD0HDL, Alan K9AJC, and Eric N0EMG.

Proposals for membership:

Joe Wilcox visited the club meeting and applied for associate membership. He is anticipating obtaining his Technician license in the coming months. It was proposed that he forgo the associate membership and, once licensed, will receive the one-year free membership for newly licensed hams through the club.

Changes/Corrections To Previous Month's Minutes:

There were no changes to the December minutes. K9AJC made a motion to accept the minutes as published and KB0RZN seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Kenny KE0KCQ presented the monthly financial report – as of February 17, 2024, there was a beginning balance of \$3,974.05 and \$265 deposits for January, bringing the total to \$4,239.05 for the month beginning February 17, 2024. CD balance remained unchanged at \$1,354.79, and petty cash remained at \$40. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report by Dave KB0RZN and seconded by Martin KD0TMJ.

Repeaters:

N9MAF reported that both machines are working properly.

Old/Unfinished Business:

Dues are again due by March 1. If anyone has not paid, please do so soon. Send your payments to Kenny KE0KCQ.

At the forefront is the Hamfest. Testing for the event is being conducted by Dave W9WE. He indicated that more VEs would be needed, and Kevin AD7OI agreed to look into becoming a VE before the event. Testing is to take place at 9, 10, and 11 am during the Hamfest. Per previous reports of the Hamfest, more vendors are needed. Joe W6JFL has emailed flyers out to members to forward along to anyone they know or any vendors they can think of. As of the meeting date, three tables have been sold. Striping for parking

places was discussed along with sample diagrams taking handicap, tailgating, and regular parking into account. Table positions were also presented, but a definite design was not agreed upon. Dave KB0RZN made a motion that prize winners must be present with the exception of the grand prize. Al N9MAF seconded the motion and was passed with a voice vote. Also at question is whether club members are allowed to win any prizes. After discussion, a motion was made by Al N9MAF that club members should be allowed to win prizes. Eric N0EMG seconded the motion, and it was carried with a voice vote. Al N9MAF reported on his trip to the Collinsville, IL Winterfest. He visited vendors and passed out flyers to vendors there. He indicated that there were interested parties; however, there were no commitments as of the date of the meeting.

Winter Heat was a resounding success. The following members placed well in the contest –

- Al N9MAF – 21; 24,951 points
- Chris NR9Q – 61; 10,552 points
- Brian KB9VIS – 87; 6,741 points
- Allan K9AJC – 119; 4,530 points
- Joe W6JFL - 138; 2,984 points

Also, as a reminder, past newsletters are posted on the Digital Library of Amateur Radio + Communications. Link below:

<https://archive.org/details/hannibal-arc>

Previous meetings have discussed the club changing its status to a 501(c)3. Doing so would allow the club to qualify for grants and other funding choices and options. Joe KD0HDL and Kevin AD7OI will be forthcoming with further information about the details of such a change. Joe W6JFL motioned to table discussions until the March meeting.

If you have not, in the past, taken storm spotting courses, or you need to recertify, there will be opportunities to do so. NOAA Storm Spotter classes will be in the area on March 11 for in-person learning from 6:30 to 8:30pm at the Sesquicentennial Building, 621 Johnston Ave, Palmyra, MO. A virtual course will also be available on April 11 from 7-8:30 pm if you are not able to attend the live course.

New Business:

A new website is on the horizon. Joe W6JFL presented to the club a new design with the assistance of Martin KDØTMJ. Members liked the new design, and it was tabled for the March meeting to hold a vote on the activation of the new site.

Technician classes are coming up. If you know anyone interested in getting licensed, a flyer is forthcoming. Get the word out!!! The hobby is growing and there is so much to do with it!!!

- Tech Classes begin in March 16, 23, 30, all Saturdays

Joe W6JFL, has presented changes to the by-laws. He will be sending out an email with those proposed changes. Members are encouraged to have a look through the changes and be prepared for a vote in the March meeting.

Joe KD0HDL had expressed interest in partnering with other clubs and forming an interconnected repeater system. The main use of this system would be in severe weather conditions. The capability of communicating with clubs more distant than our own allows for better lead time when severe weather is moving in. The proposal in its current form is tabled for further investigation into the feasibility of such a system.

Field Day 2024 is scheduled for the weekend of June 22 & 23. 2023 experienced poor participation, so let's get out for 2024 and have some fun!!!

The YLRL and YL-OM contest is on February 17 & 18. An excerpt from the ARRL Letter is below regarding this event.

“The Young Ladies Radio League (YLRL) will host a special contest event on February 17 - 18, 2024. The YL (young lady)/OM (old man) Contest is open to all radio amateurs and runs from 00:00 UTC February 17 to 23:59 UTC February 18. Only 10 contacts are needed to be eligible for an award, and the

rules are simple: YLs count only OM's and OM's count only YLs, phone and CW contacts are scored as separate contests, and digital contacts (RTTY, FT8) count as CW contacts. A log template can be downloaded from [N1MM Logger+](#). More information is available at <https://ylrl.net/contests/>. The Young Ladies Radio League was founded in 1939 by Ethel Smith, K4LMB (SK), who was the group's first president, and the YLRL continues to use her call sign today. She served as the Section Emergency Coordinator for the ARRL Virginia Section from 1966 - 1969 and later as ARRL Assistant Director for four different Roanoke Division Directors. In 1972, she received the ARRL Roanoke Division Service Award. The YLRL will celebrate its 85th year in July 2024."

Announcements:

March ARES nets will be conducted by Jody KE0OAA. Nets are each Monday at 8 pm.

Warm congratulations to Joe W6JFL and Al N9MAF on their Member of the Year awards for their contributions to the club and its activities. Al has been awarded the 2020 Member of the Year award for his efforts at keeping the repeaters operational. Joe, 2023 Member of the Year, through his work coordinating the Hamfest has made great contributions.

50/50:

Martin - KD0TMJ won the 50/50 drawing and elected to donate it back to the club. Thank you, Martin!!!

Adjournment:

Dave W9WE made a motion to adjourn at 9:01pm. Eric N0EMG seconded.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK
BY JOE LAULETTA, W6JFL



Greetings, Members!

Another month in the books. I genuinely appreciated everybody that attended the February meeting! 12 + 1, with a new member. Welcome Joe Wilcox! Now let's get you that ticket! This brings the club's strength to 40 members! Hopefully, the upcoming classes will yield even more members. I will be emailing the Technician Class flyers shortly, feel free to distribute them widely. (I have limited the class to 20 students, if we get that many, I may need some help!)

Hamfest continues to loom closer than the horizon (less than 3 months!). Time will start to fly by from here on out, so I ask that you consider joining one of the "Duty committees" early so we can nail down the smaller details. I have duty lists available for any and all to review. Just let me know!

Please pay your dues if you haven't yet. Remember if you are not paid by the March meeting, you will be dropped from the rolls. I don't want to do that! But "them's the rules."

Everybody be safe, and I'll see you down the log.

73,

-Joe-

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To all radio amateurs

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This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by KC1XX, The Daily DX, 425 DX News, DXNL, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

TANZANIA, 5H. Sysa, OM4AYL will be QRV as 5H4AYL from Pemba Island, IOTA AF-063, from February 18 to 28. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL to home call.

MADAGASCAR, 5R. Borut, S53BV will be QRV as 5R8BV from Nosy Be from February 17 to March 3. Activity will be on the HF bands. This includes being an entry in the ARRL International DX CW and upcoming ARRL International DX SSB contests. QSL direct to home call.

UGANDA, 5X. Alan, G3Xaq and Don, G3XTT are QRV as 5X1XA until February 20. Activity is on the HF bands using only CW. This includes being an entry in the ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL direct to G3SWH.

TONGA, A3. Operators YT1AD, YU3AA, RC9O and UA9OLY will be QRV as A35AD, A35AA, A35LY, and A35RC, respectively, from February 20 to 27. QSL to home calls.

QATAR, A7. Max, ON5UR is QRV as A71/ON5UR from Doha until February 24. QSL to home call.

JUAN FERNANDEZ ISLAND, CE0. A large group of operators are QRV as CB0ZA and CB0ZEW from Robinson Crusoe Island, IOTA SA-001, until

February 24. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters, including 60 meters, using CW, SSB, RTTY, and FT8 in DXpedition mode. They will also be active as CB0ZW in the ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL via N2OO.

MARTINIQUE, FM. Yuri, VE3DZ is QRV as FM/VE3DZ until February 21. Activity is on the HF bands. He will be QRV as TO4A in the ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL to home call.

WALLIS AND FUTUNA ISLANDS, FW. Operators LZ1GC and LZ5QZ will be QRV as FW8CG and TX8GC, respectively, from Wallis Island, IOTA OC-054, from February 19 to March 9. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, FT8, and FT4. QSL via LoTW.

FRENCH GUYANA, FY. Larry, F6FVY will be QRV as FY5KE in the ARRL International DX CW contest as a Single Op/Single Band on 15 meters entry. QSL direct to home call.

COLOMBIA, HK. Matt, KC1XX will be QRV as HK4RCA, or possibly 5K4X, in the ARRL International DX CW contest as a Single Op/All Band/Low Power entry. Depending on local conditions, he may be active as a Single Band entry on either 15 or 10 meters. QSL via LoTW.

REPUBLIC OF KOREA, HL. Operators 6K2BYF, 6K2CFI, 6K2GRX and DS1TUW will be QRV as DT0IP from Anmyon Island, IOTA AS-080, from February 17 to 19. They will use CW, SSB, and FT8 on 40 to 10 meters with two stations. QSL via LoTW.

THAILAND, HS. Members of the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand are QRV as HS6ORAST until March 10 to celebrate the society's 60th anniversary. QSL via HS6MYW.

DENMARK, OZ. A large group of operators will be QRV as OZ5W as a Multi/2 entry in the ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL via LoTW.

ARUBA, P4. John, W2GD is QRV as P44W from Santa Cruz until February 20. Activity is on all bands, with an emphasis on 30, 17, and 12 meters, using CW as time permits. This includes being a Single Op/All Band entry in the ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL via N2MM.

SURINAME, PZ. Dimitri, RA3CO is QRV as PZ5DX from Lelydorp. Activity is on the HF bands. QSL via LoTW.

BENIN, TY. Antonio, IK7WUL is QRV as TY2AA until February 20 while on a humanitarian mission. He is active using SSB in his spare time. QSL via IZ8CCW.

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, V2. Chuck, KG9N is QRV as V26CV from Antigua, IOTA NA-100, until February 20. Activity is on various bands using

CW and SSB. This includes being an entry in the ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL to home call.

BELIZE, V3. Uwe, DL8UD is QRV as V31KO until March 6. He will be active as V3O in the ARRL International DX CW and upcoming ARRL International DX SSB contests. QSL to home call.

BRUNEI, V8. Hajime, JO1RUR will be QRV as V85RH as a Single Op/All Band/High Power entry in the ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL via LoTW.

BERMUDA, VP9. Darrell, AB2E is QRV as AB2E/VP9 until February 19. Activity is on the HF bands using mainly CW with some FT8, and with a focus on 30, 17, and 12 meters. This includes being active as VP9I in the ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL to home call and VP9I via WW3S.

CAYMAN ISLANDS, ZF. Bill, W5SJ is QRV as ZF2EZ from Cayman Brac using CW and QRP power. He will be active as ZF5T in the ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL to home call.

ST. HELENA, ZD7. Oliver, W6NV will be QRV as ZD7W in the ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL to home call.

THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. The ARRL International DX CW Contest, NCCC FT4 Sprint, Weekly RTTY Test, QRP 80-Meter CW Fox Hunt, NCCC Sprint CW Ladder, K1USN Slow Speed CW Test, YLRL YL-OM Contest, Russian PSK World Wide Contest, Feld Hell Sprint, FISTS Sunday CW Sprint and the Run for the Bacon QRP CW Contest will certainly keep testers busy this upcoming weekend.

K1USN Slow Speed CW Test, ICWC Medium Speed CW Test, OK1WC CW Memorial, Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, QRP 40-Meter CW Fox Hunt, Phone Weekly Test, A1Club AWT, CWops Test, VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest, Mini-Test 40 CW, Mini-Test 80 CW and the AGCW Semi-Automatic Key Evening are scheduled for February 19 to 21

Please see February QST, page 76, and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest websites for details.

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